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SUBJ: PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL

1. SUMMARY: PNC ADJOURNED JUNE 9 WITH 10 POINT PROGRAM THAT LEAVES
OPEN POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA, BUT REJECTS RES 242.

POLITICAL AND MILITARY STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE. SADAT TOLD NEW PLO

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EXCOMM THAT PALESTINIANS MUST BE FLEXIBLE AND IDENTIFY WHAT IS

"FEASIBLE." HE SAID HE COORDINATES WITH SYRIA AND KINGHUSAIN BUT "WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOU." FAHMY URGED STRONG EFFORT BE MADE TO OBTAIN INVITATION TO GENEVA SINCE THIS IS TANTAMOUNT TO IGNORING RES 242. END SUMMARY.

2. PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC) ADJOURNED JUNE 9. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, COUNCIL DECIDED TO ESTABLISH "PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY" IN LANDS TO BE LIBERATED AND DECIDED PNC MUST PARTICIPATE IN ANY ARAB SUMMIT. ALL PAPERS REPORT APPROVAL OF 10 POINT PROGRAM STIPULATING REJECTION OF RES 242 WHICH "OBLITERATES THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLE," AND DEALS WITH CAUSE AS "REFUGEE ISSUE". STRUGGLE WILL CONTINUE "BY ALL MEANS AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY ARMED STRUGGLE," TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND ARAFAT OBTAINED TENTH POINT OF ORIGINAL DRAFT WHICH WAS HIS MINIMUM REQUIREMENT, SINCE IT PROVIDES HIM WITH CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF "COMING STAGE."

4. NEW EXPANDED PNC EXCOMM, WITH 6 NEW MEMBERS, HAS MORE MODERATE FLAVOR THAN PREVIOUS COMMAND. EIGHT OF FORMER COMMITTEE RETAIN MEMBERSHIP. PFLP/GC IS REPRESENTED FOR FIRST TIME.

MEMBERSHIP:

FATAH: YASIR ARAFAT (CHRM); FARUQ QADDUMI

SA'IQA: ZAHAYR MUHSIN

ALF: ABD AL-WAHAB KAYYALI

PFLP: AHMAD YAMANI

PFLP/CG: TALLAL NAJIPDFLP: ADIB ABU RABBUH

NATIONAL FRONT IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES:

ABD AL-MUHSIN ABU MAYZAR

ABD AL-JAWWAD SALIH

WALID QAMHAWI (CHRM PALESTINE NATIONAL FUND)

INDEPENDENTS:

ILYA KHURI, GREEK ORTHODOX PRIEST EXPELLED FROM WEST BANK

MUHAMMAD ZUHBI NASHASHIBI

HAMID ABU SITTA

ABD AL-AZIZ WAJIYAH (PLA)

AL AHRAM REPORTED ABU SITTA, NASHASHIBI, AND YUSUF SAYEGH AND SUBMITTED RESIGNATIONS, BUT ONLY SAYEGH'S WAS ACCEPTED.

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5. PRESIDENT SADAT MET REPS OF NEW PLO EXCOMM ON JUNE 10 FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DISCUSSION AS REPORTED BY AL AHRAM JUNE 11: "ABU MAYZAR STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONCENTRATING ON WHAT IS "NATIONALLY FEASIBLE", E.E., "THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY". IN RATHER AMBIGUOUS REPLY TO LATER QUESTION, PRESIDENT SAID WALDHEIM IS CONVINCED PALESTINE IS HEART OF PROBLEM, SINCE NO PEACE IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT GUARANTEEING RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT IS "NATIONALLY FEASIBLE", AS ABU MAYZAR SAID.

"ON TIMING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY SAID IT HAS NOT BEEN SETTLED WHETHER GENEVA WILL BEGIN BEFORE OR AFTER ARAB SUMMIT. "IN MY OPINION, FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED FROM YOU AT THIS STAGE."

"NASHASHABI ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING RES 242. F.M. FAHMY REPLIED THAT "MERE ADOPTION" OF DECISION TO INVITE REPS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO THE CONFERENCE AUTOMATICALLY MEANS DISREGARD OF THE SC RESOLUTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NECESSITY OF DISCUSSING PALESTINIAN "CAUSE AT A NEW LEVEL". OBTAINING AN INVITATION IS "A BATTLE WE SHOULD PLUNGE INTO; WE MUST PUT UP A BITTER STRUGGLE WHICH NECESSITATES UNIFIED ARAB STAND."
ON JORDAN, SADAT SAID "I AM PERSONALLY CONVINCED OF MY POLICY WITH KING HUSAIN I DO NOT WANT TO REVEAL SECRETS. I HAVE INFORMED BROTHER ARAFAT OF EVERYTHING IN MINUTE DETAIL. WE WILL COORDINATE ATTITUDE COMPLETELY WITH SYRIA. I'LL MEET MY BROTHER ASAD AND THEN WE HAVE TO MEET WITH THE PALESTINIANS AND JORDANIANS. I KNOW HOW YOUR FEELINGS ARE, I KNOW THAT THIS MAY EMBITTER YOU, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ASSERT THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOU. INTEREST CALLS FOR HOLDING A QUADRILATERAL MEETING LATER ON. TO SUM UP. WE, EGYPT AND SYRIA, WILL TRY TO COORDINATE WITH JORDAN, BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO YOU. THIS IS A PROVISIONAL DECISION OF CAIRO AND DAMASCUS. I DO NOT BELIEVE AT ALL IN ORATORY, RHETORIC, INSTIGATION AND ALTERCATIONS WHICH LEAD NOWHERE."

6. COMMENT: INVITATION TO GENEVA CONFERENCE AND AMENDMENT OR RE-INTERPRETATION OF RES 242 REMAIN THE BURNING ISSUES. IN THIS CONNECTION, EDITORIAL IN AHARAM JUNE 11 BY MANAGING EDITOR ALI HAMDI AL-GAMMAL IS OF INTEREST. HE SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH PLO HAS REJECTED ATTENDANCE AT A GENEVA CONFERENCE BASED ON RES 242, RESOLUTION CAN AND SHOULD BE AMENDED. USG CAN HELP AMEND RESOLUTION SO AS TO ENCOURAGE PALESTINIANS TO TAKE PART IN GENEVA CONFERENCE.

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